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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed in reverse chronological order on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in the International Search Report in the PCT application of which the above-referenced patent application, filed concurrently herewith, is a continuation. A copy of that search report is included, as well as the United States counter-part to FR 2817007 (US 6,622,996), FR 2,784,152 (US 6,434,486) and EP 0524844 (US 5,301,414), and English abstracts for FR 2788822 and EP 1046833.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the references listed in the enclosed FORM PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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